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❧ *Important Deadlines* ❧

May 20: Submit your Lace Challenge entries for judging at the Retreat

June 17: Date by which absentee ballots must be received

July 1: Submit items for next newsletter

❧ *Calendar Highlights* ❧

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
May 20-22	NELG Retreat (Wareham, MA)
June 18	NELG Annual Meeting (Sturbridge, MA)

See inside for details

President's Message

Dear NELG Members,

We have a busy few months ahead of us as the demo season gets underway. If you are demonstrating at an event, I would encourage you to take advantage of the resources that NELG provides. These include a tri-fold informational brochure (which has just been updated), as well as business cards that may be personalized and handed out at events. If you need a supply of brochures, please contact Barbara Morrow, our Member-at-Large. Please also see the article on page 4 regarding demonstrating – and a challenge for 2011!

I am very pleased that registrations for the retreat have picked up nicely, and we will have a sizeable group this year. At the time of writing, there is still space in both Louise's and Susie's class so if you have hesitated to sign up – it's not too late! You can find the registration form on the website, or in the February issue of the newsletter. Also, if you would like our vendor (The Lacemaker) to bring anything in particular (with no obligation to buy), please email Tracy (tracy@lacemakerusa.com) with your request. As usual, we will have our monthly business meeting immediately after lunch on Saturday (May 21).

Hopefully many of you are also busy working on the Lace Challenge and creating some interesting Artist Trading Cards for judging at retreat. If you are not attending retreat this year and have an ATC to enter in the Challenge, please remember to make alternative arrangements to get your entry to retreat. And please continue to go through your stash to see if there is anything that you could donate to the Silent Auction. I have just made an inventory of all my lace books, and found that – unbeknownst to me – I had 3 duplicates, which will be gracing the auction table. Thanks to Bryce Wolf and Clare Settle who are coordinating our auction this year.

Included in this issue of the newsletter is a report by the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections in June. I would like to thank Doris Schick and Laura Bensley for doing an outstanding job and providing us with two fantastic candidates for the election. If you are unsure if you will be at the Annual Meeting in June, please mail your absentee ballot or give it to me at either the April or May meeting.

Another item that will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting is a change to our by-laws regarding our membership year. Please see the article on page 4 with more information.

I look forward to seeing many of you this Spring at our various events.

Jill

Lace in Literature

From Towers of Midnight: Book Thirteen of The Wheel of Time, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson, page 565 of the hardcover 2010 Tor edition: The leader of one group of women who can channel, Egwene, is working to build an alliance with and among several other similar groups, one of which is led by Amys. None want to acquiesce to any other. The quote demonstrates that while lace may be very beautiful, its strength is subtle and effective.

"Amys nodded. 'This work you do is a good one so long as you do not presume to tie us in steel bands.'

No, Amys, Egwene thought. I will not tie you in bands of steel. I'll use lace instead."

Submitted by Gail MacLean

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the New England Lace Group is pleased to present the slate for the upcoming election:

- **Patty Foley** for President
- **Mary Linden** for Member-at-Large

Each office is for a term of two years.

Both nominees have expressed interest and enthusiasm for this opportunity to serve in these positions. Patty has worked closely with Jill Hawkins this past year on improving the NELG website and Mary has chaired our Christmas Tree project for the past two years.

The elections are scheduled for the Annual Meeting to be held **Saturday, June 18, 2011** at the Joshua Hyde Public Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. An absentee ballot form is included at the end of this newsletter. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please take the opportunity to vote by mailing in your absentee ballot so that it is **received by June 17**.

*Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bensley
Doris Schick*

Website Update

Many thanks to Tina Allen and Laura Bensley for finding the old newsletters. Patty has scanned them and we now have a complete electronic set. We expect to have the archives organized and open for members in the next couple of months.

Patty has also created a form for reporting your volunteer hours. This will be a huge benefit for the Member-at-Large, as well as make life much easier for our members to report their hours. Simply log in to the website and click on Members Only - then click on Report Volunteer Hours.

We are still looking for submissions for the Members Gallery. Please forward photographs of your lace (it does not have to be a recent project), together with a brief description. We cannot start the gallery until we have some submissions!

There are still approximately 20 members who are not yet on-line members. You are missing out on a lot of additional information and resources! Our goal is to have all members that have an email address registered on-line by the end of June. It only takes a few minutes to fill out

the on-line form. You should have received an email earlier in the year with instructions; but as a reminder, if you have already paid your dues for this year, you can ignore the invoice that is generated automatically by the website when you "Join". If you have any questions, just let us know!

Plans are also underway to add PayPal to the website, so that if you chose, you will be able to pay your membership dues using PayPal, as well as pay for workshop fees and retreat! We are very excited that this new feature will soon be available.

And don't forget to check out the Blog from time to time. There are some interesting videos on how to crochet Romanian cord, as well as other fiber-related topics. Anyone can read the blog, but you have to be an on-line member to add a comment or add a post.

Last, but not least, please let us know if you have any ideas for improvements, or any other comments.

Jill Hawkins & Patty Foley

Silent Auction at Retreat

The snow is going, going, gone!

Please remember the silent auction at the Retreat as you begin your spring cleaning. Although we have already received some wonderful items, we are always on the lookout for more.

Bring your item(s) to a meeting or contact Clare Settle (csettle@optonline.net, 203-882-8465) or Bryce Wolf (brycewolf@comcast.net, 781-259-8529), to let them know what you'll be bringing to the Retreat, or to make other arrangements.

And thanks from all of us!



Proposed Bylaws Amendment

A proposal is hereby submitted to amend the Bylaws regarding the membership year that will change the membership year to a rolling 12 months, starting with the date membership dues are received by the Treasurer/Membership Chairman. Voting on this amendment will be at the May 21, 2011 meeting.

This amendment will require a revision to Article II, Section 2 and the addition of a new Section 3. In Article IV, Section 2 and Section 4, "fiscal year" shall replace "membership year".

II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2: The fiscal year will run from September 1 through August 31.

Section 3: The membership year will be a rolling 12 months, effective from the date subscription dues are received by the Treasurer/Membership Chairman. Any members not paid by December 1 may not be included in the Annual Membership List.

IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

Section 2: The offices of President and Member at Large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years. These officers shall be elected for a term of two years commencing with the beginning of the next fiscal year. The offices of Vice President and Treasurer/Membership Chairman shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years commencing with the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Section 4: The Clerk, Newsletter Editor and Librarian shall be appointed by the President to serve for a term of two years commencing with the start of the next fiscal year. These offices may be extended for additional terms as deemed appropriate by the Board.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hawkins, President*

A Gentle Reminder: All the work that appears in this newsletter is either original or obtained from an outside source with permission for its use in the NELG newsletter. Please contact the Editor for written permission to use any particular item.

Thank you.

Things to Do & Places to Go

Volunteers needed

As Spring comes into bloom, demonstration season is beginning. With our expansion into new events like the VT Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair and the New England Fiber Festival, the public is being exposed to lace and lace making. Those events have also introduced new people to NELG and our membership is growing.

My thanks to all of you, for your willingness and enthusiasm in volunteering to demonstrate. In the past four years, our members have prepared, traveled, and demonstrated in the name of lace for over 2,200 hours – more than 595 hours for 2010 alone! Whether at festivals like The Big E, writing articles, making presentations, doing re-enactments, helping museums, giving lectures and how-to's – each and every hour counts.

Take a look at the Events Calendar (either in the Newsletter or on the website) and contact the Member-at-Large (Barbara Morrow) for more information! And if you

know of an event that is not currently included, please let us know! Remember to report your hours, so they can be added to the total. New for this year, is that you can log in your hours at the website in the Members Only area. Let's get lacing and beat 750 hours this year!

Jill Hawkins

Volunteer Hours

As a Charter Group with International Old Lacers, Inc (IOLI), NELG is required to provide volunteer hours in order to help maintain the not-for-profit status of IOLI.

Please report your hours to Barbara Morrow (morrowtoo@aol.com), our Member-at-Large, via our NELG website, email or postcard. Include your name, where and when and how many hours you spent on each volunteer activity (demonstrating, traveling, preparing, teaching, presenting, identification, lacemaking).

NELG Meetings

All meetings are at Joshua Hyde Public Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

May 21: The May business meeting will be held at the NELG Retreat, Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, MA, on Saturday immediately after lunch (1:00 p.m.)

June 18: Annual Meeting, Election and Lace-In

Lace Days

The **Sunday Lace Group** (Eastern Mass) meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month (with occasional exceptions) between 11 am and 2 pm at member's homes, located east of I-495 between Boxborough and Carlisle. For further information contact Anne Wooden at (978) 263-4224 or andw119@earthlink.net

Connecticut Lace Days

The group meets from 10 am to 4 pm at the designated home. Please contact the hostess a few days beforehand so that she may plan lunch.

May 7—Clare Settle, Milford, CT
203-882-8465 / csettle@optonline.net

June 4—Jill Hawkins, Wallingford, CT
203-671-6983 / jillmhawkins@comcast.net

July 2—Barbara Morrow, Shelton CT
203-929-3133 / morrowtoo@aol.com

August 6—Gail MacLean, Norwalk, CT
203-847-9437 / gmaclea@optonline.net

Lace at Lies'

Lies Stolk hosts a lace day at her home in Hudson, MA the first Saturday of each month. Contact Lies at (978) 562-7082 or peterstolk@juno.com for more information.

Open Lace Studio with Jill

Jill Hawkins will host an open lace studio at her home in Wallingford, CT, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, from 7 pm to 9 pm Lace Studio is free; call Jill for fee on one-on-one instruction. [**Important:** Please let her know each week if you plan on coming. If she doesn't hear from anyone, she will assume that no one is coming, have dinner at her normal time of 7 pm and then change into her PJs!]

All lacemakers are welcome to these informal lace days. If there is a gathering near you, please let us know so that we can add it to the newsletter. If there is none, why not start one!

Demonstration Opportunities

Here are events where our lacemakers have a chance to share their art. To participate or learn more, see the NELG website or contact the Member-at-Large.

April, 2011

- ⊗ 30: CT Sheep & Wool Festival, Vernon, CT
- ⊗ 30: Sheepshearing Festival, Gore Place, Waltham, MA

May, 2011

- ⊗ 14-15: New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival, Contoocook, NH
- ⊗ 28-29: Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair, Cummington, MA

June, 2011

- ⊗ 4-5: Maine Fiber Frolic, Windsor, ME

September, 2011

- ⊗ 16-October 2: The Big E, West Springfield, MA

November, 2011

- ⊗ 5-6: New England Fiber Festival, West Springfield, MA

Contact any organizations in your area to volunteer your participation or create your own event.

Download handy brochures and business cards to distribute at demonstrations from the Members' Pages on the NELG website or contact the Member-at-Large.

Other Lace Events

May, 2011

- ⊗ 19-22: Annual NELG Retreat, Wareham, MA

June, 2011

- ⊗ 19-25: Lace at Sweet Briar, Sweet Briar College, VA; contact: clayblackwell@comcast.net

July, 2011

- ⊗ 31 - Aug. 7: 58th IOLI Convention, Bethesda, MD

October, 2011

- ⊗ 7-10: 31st Annual Finger Lakes Lace Day and Conference, Ithaca, NY; contact <http://vansciverbobbinlace.com>

November, 2011

- ⊗ 5-6: Metropolitan Chapter of IOLI Lace Days, Westwood, NJ; contact: rmharing@optimum.net

May, 2012

- ⊗ 18-20: Annual NELG Retreat, Wareham, MA

August, 2012

- ⊗ 5-11: 59th IOLI Convention, Bloomington, MN

Member News & Activities

Membership Updates

Welcome to our new members:

- ☎ **Ann Bodkhe**, Charlemont, MA
- ☎ **Esther Paris**, Cumberland, RI
- ☎ **Susan Van Dyke**, Wayland, MA

May you enjoy many happy hours of lacing!

Lee Daly has a new email address: daly@ptd.net

[Please send the Membership Chairman your address, phone and email address changes.]

February 21st NELG Meeting

Attendees: Jeanne Goodwin, Linda Dumas, Karen G. Davis, Patty Foley, Jill Hawkins, Carolyn Wetzal, Bryce Wolf, Elisabeth Wagner, Lynne White, Marjorie Dashef, Sharon Sacco, Winann Steinmetz, Barbara Morrow, Linda Lane, Erin Chang, Michelle Weiss, Susan Benzer.

Jill Hawkins presided. Meeting call to order at 11:21 am. Introductions made around the room.

Program update from Carolyn Wetzal:

- March program: Romanian point project; Cord with size 20 cotton; Teacup
- April field trip: venue not set yet
- May: retreat
- June: annual meeting.

Membership update: 84 members. 11 new members so far this year. Jill Hawkins will follow up with those that haven't renewed.

Library update: no new books, but requests have been received for a spider book and torchon grounds and volume 2 of the French Duchesse book. New book on Swedish laces. So she'll be buying books soon.

Treasury report: balance now is \$7645.28, but haven't started paying for retreat yet so this is the fat part of the year. In process of changing banks to TD Bank.

Retreat report: 8 registrations received so far.

Bryce is coordinating the silent auction. She'll accept anything fiber-related.

Member-at-large Barbara Morrow:

- Gore Place wants volunteers for Sheep Shearing, April 30. Get volunteer info from Barbara

- Ann Schunior of NEFFA wants volunteers too for April 15-17 in Mansfield, MA.
- Conn. Sheep and Wool is 30 April, Toland, CT.

Creative Arts: are we doing special sponsor awards again this year?

Let the Lacemaker know if there is something you want her to bring something to the retreat.

Carolyn distributed artist trading cards for the Lace challenge. Due at retreat.

Next year, 2012 is the 30th anniversary. Time to start planning how to celebrate.

Doris Schick and Laura Bensley are the nominating committee. Looking to fill President and Member-at-Large.

Jill Hawkins did a tour of the new NELG website. Comments or suggestions - send them to Patty Foley or Jill Hawkins.

Would like to have a gallery of pictures of things people have worked on.

IOLI is open for 2013. Is anyone in NELG interested in hosting?

We now have an official Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer*

March 19th NELG Meeting

Attendees: Jill Hawkins, Winann Steinmetz, Barbara Morrow, Linda Lane, Bryce Wolf, Elisabeth Wagner, Patty Foley, Michelle Weiss, Marjorie Dashef, Sharon Sacco, Carolyn Wetzal, Susan L. Benzer

Jill Hawkins presided. Meeting called to order 11:20 am.

Programs:

- April: field trip TBD
- May: retreat
- June: Annual meeting

Membership: 86 members

Treasury: current balance is \$6725.60. Doing well.

Scholarship: closed Jan 31. Have money left over.

Retreat: 23 signed up for some portion of the retreat. Suzie's class has 10 so far. Louise has 5 so far.

Silent auction: Bryce - can always use more items. If anyone has anything to contribute, please contact Bryce or Clare Settle.

Jill has received an invitation to the Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair - Aug. 20-21. Wilmington, VT. - They would like volunteers.

Creative Arts coming up. The theme this year is The Big E.

Temporarily adjourned at 11:33.

Re-opened at 12:14 when Carolyn Wetzel arrived.

Program for April - hoping for Wellesley Historical Society. Info will be sent at a later time.

Formally adjourned, 12:20.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer*

Member Resources

Website Member Pages

Website Member Pages are available to all registered members via the user name and password you defined when you registered online.

Getting Your Newsletter

If we have a valid email address for you and you haven't told us otherwise, you will receive an email informing you that the newsletter is available for download from the NELG website and printing in glorious color! All past issues of the newsletter will soon be available on the website for your easy reference.

If you have email, but wish to continue receiving your newsletter in the mail, let the Newsletter Editor know. If you don't have email, you'll receive your newsletter via the US Postal Service.



Printing Your Newsletter in Duplex

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This procedure works best when you've set the printer to print pages in ascending order. If you want to print the newsletter in descending page order, remember to start with 2 blank sheets when there is an uneven number of pages.

NELG Membership Directory

The NELG Membership Directory is distributed each February. If you access your newsletter online, you receive the Directory as an attachment to the email announcing the February newsletter. If you receive your newsletter through the US mail, a copy is included with that issue. Please contact the Newsletter Editor if you cannot open or do not receive your Directory.

Your NELG Library

Librarian Elisabeth Wagner maintains an updated list online of the entire NELG Library contents. Please feel free to contact her with your suggestions for new material to be added to our library for member use. She also welcomes reviews of new or current books for publication in the newsletter.

Tangled Threads #25

by Sally C. Barry

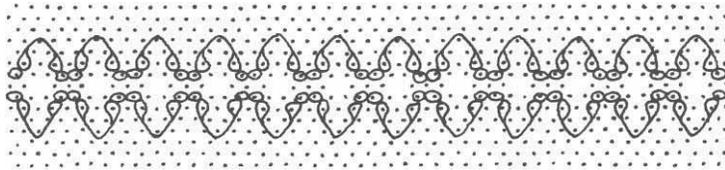
Apologies from the Editor!

The last issue skipped Tangled Threads #25, so here it is now. The next issue will continue with Tangled Threads #27.

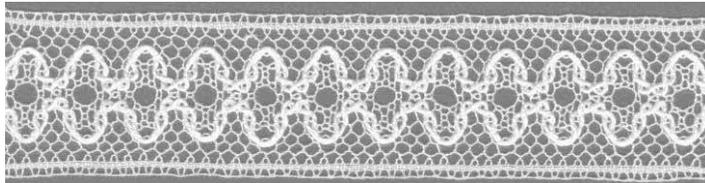
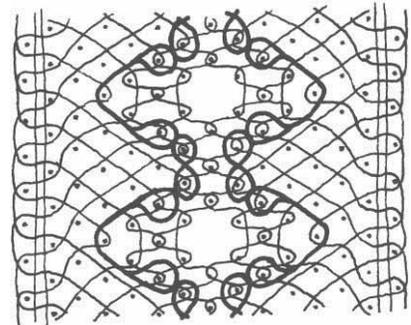
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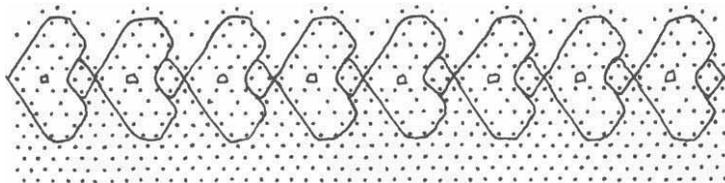
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